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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, ROSALYN)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT-MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

REF: (A) RIYADH 327, (B) STATE 293696

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF B, USLO MET AGAIN WITH ROYAL PROTOCOL TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO RIYADH. THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY AND MOTORCADE TO GUEST PALACE REMAIN UNCHANGED. ROYAL PROTOCOL NOW SUGGESTS THAT, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT BILATERAL TALKS WILL COMMENCE SOON AFTER ARRIVAL AND THAT ARRIVAL IS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE PRAYER, MRS. CARTER SHOULD PROCEED WITH HER ESCORT DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENT'S SUITE.

2. ROYAL PROTOCOL PROPOSES THAT MRS. CARTER VISIT NATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM BETWEEN 1730-1830. IT CONTAINS SMALL BUT BEAUTIFULLY DISPLAYED COLLECTION OF ARTIFACTS FOUND IN SAUDI ARABIA. IF THIS INTERESTS MRS. CARTER, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE MUSEUM.

3. DINNER: TIME FOR MRS. CARTER'S DINNER IS BEING CHANGED TO 1930. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION POSED REF B, THERE ARE SENSITIVITIES ABOUT TIMING FOR DINNERS; BUT
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IN THIS CASE ROYAL PROTOCOL DECIDED ON ITS OWN TO MOVE TIME FOR DINNER FORWARD. REASON FOR HALF HOUR DIFFERENCE IN PRESENT SCHEDULE BETWEEN DINNER FOR PRESIDENT AND DINNER FOR MRS. CARTER IS TO AVOID MOTORCADE CONGESTION AT GUEST HOUSE AND AT PALACE WHERE BOTH DINNERS WILL BE HELD.

4. CALL ON QUEEN IRFID: THIS CALL IS BEING DROPPED
FROM MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE AS QUEEN IRFID WILL BE
AT DINNER.

5. SCHEDULE FOR MRS. CARTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

1550-ARRIVE IN RIYADH (ARRIVAL CEREMONIES-
SEE RIYADH 327)

1635-DEPART AIRPORT

1650-ARRIVE AT GUEST PALACE-PROCEED TO SUITE

1730-VISIT NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

1930-DINNER WITH KING KHALID'S WIFE (AT KING'S
PALACE)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

SAME AS PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

6. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS SCHEDULE IS ACCEPTABLE.

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